Names and Attributes of Allah

Part 1

“Knowing Allah”

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Introduction

In The Name of Allah, The Entirely

Merciful The Especially Merciful

This is Part 1 of the book about The Names and attributes of Allah, taken from the transcriptions of Knowing Allah” by Sheikh Dr. Saleh As Saleh- by the will of Allah.

Text(Matn)

All praises be to Allah and salutations and peace be upon the Prophet Muhammad, His Family, His Companions and all those that follow him until the day of Judgement

Knowing Allah, Most High, free of all imperfections

His names and attributes are in the Quran and sunnah.

He is The King, The Everliving, Assamad, rose above His Throne in a manner that befits His Majesty, sees and hears from above The Seven Heavens. He is perfect and free from any deficiency, Nothing is like unto Him. He is The Most Wise, He is the best at putting everything in its proper place.

If you lose the link to your Creator, your life is meaningless.

The best slaves of Allah are those that worship Allah with all His Names.

Enumerating the names of Allah is knowing them and worshipping Him with them.

The best knowledge is the knowledge of Allah.

The one who knows Allah recognises other things. The one

who doesn’t know Allah can’t recognise anything else.

The one who forgets Allah, loses himself.

The knowledge of Allah is the basis of every other knowledge

Knowledge of Allah allows a slave to give the proper estimation to Allah.

Prophet’s du’a/ supplication: I can not enumerate praising you, you are as you praised Yourself

Knowledge of Allah leads to loving Allah, fearing Allah, and raja'- longing to meet Him.

Knowing Allah leads to a sweetness in the heart, and wanting to worship Him, and(wanting) to be close to Him and(wanting) to listen to His words(The Qur aan)

Maalik Ibn Dinar:

The people of this world left it without tasting the best of it;...knowledge of Allah the most High.

When the knowledge of Allah is strengthened, the eagerness to be close to Him(also) strengthens.

Ibn Mas’ud:
The believer will not have any rest except(with Allah), by being closer to Him, and remembering Allah.

Chapter 13 verse 28

By the dhikr/ remembrance of Allah(do) hearts find rest

The Prophets were given choice to increase their life on Earth, or to return back to Allah, they chose to return back to Allah.

Bukhaari: Chapter; The one who wants to meet Allah, Allah will love to meet him.

Prophet(Muhammad Peace be upon him) said at his death bed:

Allahumma Rafiiqul A’laa
Oh Allah, to The Highest Companionship.

These words were the last words the Prophet(peace be upon him) spoke. He meant, to Allah Himself(Rafiiqul A’laa)

The Names of Allah have influence in the hearts that know of Him.

The state of shyness of Allah will increase.

When a person sins, his heart is free of imaan at that time.

Ibn ‘Abbaas: Like this(imaan is taken away) he meshed his hands together then separated them, then

he said; when he repents, his imaan returns, (then he meshed his hands together again)

Maa lakum laa tarjuuna lillahi wa qaara; What is the matter with you that you don’t return back to Allah(and don’t give Him the proper estimation)

Those who sin against Allah(don’t believe in Allah properly) don’t have the proper estimation of Allah.

Chapter 39 Verse 36

Is not Allah sufficient for His slaves. They try to frighten you with those they worship besides Allah.

If a slave gives Allah the proper estimation, he will have awe/ fear, which will keep him away from sin.

Remembrance(of Allah), is obedience to Allah.

The one who is obedient to Allah, remembers Him(dhikrullah)

The one who is disobedient to Allah, is not remembering Him(not doing dhikrullah)

Sa’iid Ibn Jubair:
Whoever obeys Allah has remembered him.

Dhikr is of 2 types:
Remembering Allah with the tongue, and remembering Allah at times of disobedience(and refraining from it)

Knowledge of Allah lends the believer to strive in worship of Allah.

Chapter 51 Verse 17- 18

They used to sleep little by night, invoking Allah, and in the hours of the night, they used to seek forgiveness.

Ignorance(greatest form)- not giving Allah the just/ proper estimate.

Quran: Whoever honours the sacred things with Allah, that is better for him with his Lord.

Surah Nisaa:

Ignorance stems from improper knowledge of Allah, which leads to improper estimation of Him.

From Quran:

Ignorance and foolishness; Allah only accepts repentance from the one who commits sins out of these 2.

A slave only commits sin out of ignorance(This was the understanding of the Sahaabah)

Ibn Taymeeyah said:

Every disobedient person is ignorant, and every person with awe/ fear (of Allah) has knowledge of Allah and is in obedience of Him.

Had the fear of Allah been perfected, you wouldn’t disobey Him.

The more you know Allah, the more you fear Him, Quran 35:28

It is only the ‘Ulaamah that fear Allah.

The most knowledgeable of Allah was the Prophet(peace be upon him)

The slave feels his small sins as (if they are) a mountain.

The Sahaabah feared Allah the most(after the Prophets)

Note: Muubiqaat- destructive sins

Note: Mukhliqaat(destructive sins)

Don’t look to the smallness of the sins, look to the Greatness of the one you are disobeying.

If Satan Cannot get a person to sin, he will try to get him through riyaa/ show off and pride.

Imaam Ahmed on his death bed, said,

“laa ba’d(not yet)…”

He said (the Shaytaan) Ibliis stood by my feet biting his fingers saying

“futtanee”; you were saved from me”, (he wanted Ahmed to feel proud)

Ahmed said:

“Not yet, not yet until I die”

One of the fruits of true imaan, is that at death, Allah will make a believer firm against Satan.

Firm saying in this world and the next, is saying the kalimah(statement of tawhiid at death and being able to answer the 3 questions in the grave.

One of the Salaf(Abu Bakr) said all the names of Allah until he died(not Abu Bakr Siddiique).

Die not except in Islaam(with the statement of tawheed)

The most fruitful end is to die in Islaam

Bonus Chapter

Spiritual Levitation 1: The Other side of Abstemiousness

1. Face your fears, and pray to Allah always

2. You can never attain true success (i.e. in this world and the next life), until you worship Allah correctly and seek His assistance continuously/ continually

3. If you choose a life of worshipping Allah in all that you do in your life, then(by His will), all that you desire will come to you submissively.

4. Every time you feel like giving up, turn back to Allah(whole heartedly)

5. Concentrate on bettering yourself. The general rule of thumb is that the better you are, the more those around you get affected positively.

6. Keep on being patient, and never stop being patient, until your soul exists the collarbone.

7. In patience, there is wisdom from Allah. He is showing you that He is The One that controls everything

8. Modern day monks(and practitioners of abstemiousness) can sometimes be found in cities and towns.

9. The more you practice Zuhd(Orthodox Islamic Abstemiousness), the more your heart lets go of the world. Then the more the world clings on to you(metaphorically speaking)

FINAL PRAYER

All Praises abundant and plentiful belong to Allah, and peace be upon his final Messenger Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, his family, his companions and all of those that follow them till the day of Judgement.

FINAL WORD

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Bonus Chapter 1

3 types of souls

1. Mutma innah- Surah Fajr Verse 27(The break of day or The Dawn)

2. Lawwaamah- Chapter 75 Surah Qiyaamah(The Resurrection) Verse 2

3.Amru bissuw-

Hisnul Muslim- Qahtani

3 types of hearts

1. Qalbun Saliim(A sound heart)

2. Qalbun Mareedh(A sick heart)

Oh Allah give us a complete cure that leaves no illness Ameen.

3. Qalbun Mayyit(A dead heart)

May Allah protect us from this

Ameen

Bonus Chapter 2

‘Uboodiyyah: Beyond Temporary Friendship

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salutations and peace be upon the

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To proceed

1. If you don’t let go to worldly love, you’ll never know which relationship is meant to be permanent, and which was meant to be temporary; for the good of yourself.

Take the example of Prophet Ibrahim(upon him be peace and Salaam):

The important thing(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best) is that Allah wanted Ibrahim(‘aleihimussalaatu wa salaam/ upon him be peace and Salaam) to sacrifice the love of his son from his own heart.

Like the story of the 2 sons of Adam; Allah wanted to see who would part from the dunia/worldly life from their hearts(wa Allahu A’laam/ and Allah knows best), by

giving their best possessions i.e. the crops

Allah is Assamad(He is in need of noone/nothing, but all are in need of him).

So the conclusion is that Allah wants us to go to Him with Qalbun Salim(a pure heart).

May Allah allow us to live and die with Qalbun saliim(a pure heart)

May Allah guide us all

Ameen

Bonus Chapter 3

Spiritual Levitation 2: The Other Side of Abstemiousness/ Zuhd

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To proceed

1. Never let go of your(correct) religious principles

2. The enemies surrounding you(i.e. Shaitan/ satan and dunia/ the seeming glitter of the world) (and within you, (i.e. your hawa/ desires and nafs/ your lower self) are always ready to launch attacks. Be

vigilant(i.e. by supplicating to Allah always), be informed(i.e. seek knowledge) and be ready(for the ongoing spiritual battle/ warfare) and on guard(by beseeching Allah’s assistance, refuge and rescue)

3. Sometimes you have to let go of certain things, for a new chapter if your life to begin

4. Whatever is with Allah(by His protection)/ Everything that is with Allah(by His protection) is never lost

5. It is at that breaking point, when you literally(and metaphorically) feel that you are fast-approaching rock bottom(or anguish is about to set in); that is the time to supplicate for all the good that you wish for. Then wait for the miracles that shall follow(only by the will of Allah)

6. Always ask for Allah’s bounties/ favours upon you(, whether you hear the cockerel crow or not)

Bonus Chapter 4

Introduction to Pre-destiny: The Sea Without a Shore

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To proceed

4 Parts to the Qadar(Pre- destiny of Allah)

1. Al ‘Ilm(knowledge)

That Allah knows everything that was, everything that is(now),

everything that is going to be/ that will happen(in the future), and also things that **if they were to happen**, how they would happen.

2. Al Kitaabah(The writing)

That Allah instructed the pen to write all the things that will happen(till eternity- And Allah knows best), 50, 000 years before the creation of the Heavens and Earth.

3. Mashi a(Will)

That everything happens by the will of Allah.

That we also a will, but ultimately, it is still under the will of Allah.

‘Aml(Action/ Deeds)

That Allah created/ creates everything, including our actions.